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For more information on the Love Food Not Waste program, contact your hauler or the City of Eugene at:

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or visit:

www.eugenerecycles.org

Partners

The Love Food Not Waste Program is a collaboration between local businesses like YOU, the City of Eugene, local haulers, and local commercial composters.



How food becomes COMPOST

Food, food-soiled paper and plants are nutrient-rich materials that can be converted into valuable compost. Businesses that start composting are helping to divert waste from landfills, which decreases the production of methane, a harmful greenhouse gas. Commercial composting saves land, water, energy and reduces the need for fossil-fuel fertilizers. It's also more cost-effective—composting costs 20 percent less than conventional garbage service—and may reduce your regular garbage pickups. By composting, your business will be doing the right thing and contributing to the health and vitality of the community!

1 Food Scraps

Toss food scraps into special interior/exterior containers for your garbage hauler to pick up



2 Collection

Your garbage hauler collects the food scraps and delivers them to a commercial composting facility



3 Transformation

Food scraps are transformed into compost in two months using a natural process.



Love Food Not Waste

Eugene businesses turn food scraps into compost and crops.

Businesses do it right!

A simple start-up guide to Eugene's commercial composting program.





Back to the Earth

Each year 20 million pounds of commercial food waste goes to the local landfill. A new collaboration between the City of Eugene, waste haulers, commercial composters and food-related businesses offers a greener alternative that converts vegetables, meats, food-soiled paper and other waste into valuable, nutrient-rich compost.

It's easy!

Set up your program:

- Free staff training
- Free food scrap collection containers
- Best practices

Maintain and promote your program:

- Free technical assistance
- Expert advice
- Free marketing materials



Become part of the cycle

You can help make our community a better place by committing to composting!

- Save money
- Reduce your landfill contribution
- Appeal to customers with your conservation efforts

It's easy to get started!

With just a few simple steps, you'll be on your way to saving money and making a better Eugene. Take these four easy steps to **Start Composting!**

1

Contact your garbage hauler

to sign up for service. The City of Eugene will provide free internal food waste bins. Haulers will deliver these and an external food waste collection container.

2

Schedule a session

with your hauler. Your hauler and the City of Eugene will provide free technical assistance to help you set up a system that works for your business!

3

Raise awareness

among your staff. Take advantage of the free training to assure the success of your program through a highly motivated staff.

4

Start composting!

Begin by placing food waste in bins. It's that simple! You've started the cycle of turning waste into valuable compost.



What you CAN compost:

FOOD ITEMS



Meat



Plate Scrapings



Bones



Dairy Products



Baked Goods



Kitchen Trimmings

FOOD-SOILED PAPER



* No shiny surfaces

Paper plates
Paper towels
Napkins
Pizza boxes

Wood produce crates (no wire)
Coffee grounds and filters

PLANTS

Yard debris Plant trimmings Floral waste

What you CANNOT compost:

Liquids
Cooking oil
Paper coated w/
plastic or foil
Milk Cartons
Waxed Cardboard
Boxes

Yellow & brown grease
Offal & byproducts from
animal processing
Non-biodegradables
(plastic, Styrofoam, etc.)
Bathroom paper towels
(due to potential
contamination)